

The Cannon Falls City Council met in a regular session on Tuesday, March 15, 2016, at 6:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers. Present were Mayor Robby Robinson and Council Members Jay Sjoblom, Morris Mattson, Rodney Holst, Cathy Gallups, Merlyce Johnson, and Lynne Berg. Also present were Ron Johnson, City Administrator; Dave Maroney, Community Development Director; and Todd Anderson, Fire Chief

Call to Order Mayor Robinson called the City Council Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance Mayor Robinson led in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda A motion was made by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Holst and unanimously carried, to approve the Agenda as submitted.

Public Input There was no public input.

Public Hearing:  
Resolution 2188,  
Vacating a  
Drainage/Utility  
Easement in South  
Pines

Community Development Director Maroney provided background information regarding a request for vacating a drainage and utility easement in the South Pines development area and pointed out the area under discussion on a map. The property owner has petitioned the City to vacate this easement so that they can sell their property. Director Maroney reported that after the original plat was filed there was a re-plat and the lot lines changed. In 2002 the City ended vacated Outlot E and a number of the other Outlots that were no longer needed as a result of the re-platting. A vacation process occurred in 2002, during which everything that was supposed to be vacated, except for one easement, was vacated. He added that there were no utilities on this easement, and it should have been vacated back in 2002. A Public Hearing was required in order to complete this process. Notice of the Public Hearing was published in the *Cannon Falls Beacon*, and notices were also mailed to surrounding property owners. Staff recommended, following the Public Hearing, that the City Council consider approval of Resolution 2188, vacating the 5-foot existing drainage and utility easement and allow the property owner to sell their property without an encroachment.

Mayor Robinson reviewed the Public Hearing procedure and opened the Public Hearing at 6:37 p.m. No one came forward to speak. Mayor Robinson closed the Public Hearing at 6:38 p.m.

A motion was made by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Berg and unanimously carried, to adopt Resolution 2188 to vacate the easement in South Pines.

- Consent Agenda
- A. Just and Correct Claims – Accounting Period Ending March 10, 2016
  - B. Meeting Minutes for March 2, 2016, City Council Meeting
  - C. Resolution 2189, Authorizing Acceptance of Monetary Donation for the Fire Department
  - ~~D. Increase Fire Area in Warsaw Township~~ Pulled by Council Member Berg

A motion was made by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Holst and unanimously carried, to approve the Consent Agenda, minus Item D.

Increase Fire Area  
in Warsaw  
Township

Council Member Berg inquired whether the contract with Warsaw Township to provide Fire Department services has been renegotiated as a result of the larger area of coverage. Fire Chief Anderson reported that he was approached by Warsaw Township with regard to adding territory to the fire district. It was deemed to be in the best interest of the citizens of this area to expand the fire district. It was agreed to amend the current contract, increasing the area of coverage and including an increased dollar amount per section. Warsaw Township will pay the Fire Department the increased amount for the additional sections. Chief Anderson stated that the contract will be renegotiated in approximately two years. Council Member Berg asked whether the Fire Department feels it can cover the additional territory. Chief Anderson indicated that the Fire Department felt comfortable with adding the increased area. City Administrator Johnson added that he contacted the City Administrator for the City of Kenyon, who indicated that he was aware of the request and stated that there were no concerns.

A motion was made by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Berg and unanimously carried, to increase the fire area in Warsaw Township, with the stipulation that the agreement will be amended.

Staff Reports

There were no staff reports.

Mayor and Council  
Reports

Council Member Johnson inquired with regard to the Mediacom contract. Administrator Johnson reported that Mediacom has agreed to the financial terms but has raised an issue related to going completely digital. He was working with the City Attorney to attempt to resolve this issue and hoped to provide a full update in the near future.

Mayor Robinson reported that the legislative session began at the Capitol the previous week. He indicated that he would be staying in touch with Representative Tim Kelly and Senator Matt Schmit to make sure they were aware of the needs of Cannon Falls. It was hoped that the City would receive State funding toward replacement of the sewer bridge.

Council Member Berg expressed appreciation to City staff, who compiled information that was presented during a recent Public Works Commission meeting and would be forwarded to legislators. Mayor Robinson indicated that he would report to the Council with regard to progress made during the legislative session.

Adjournment            The meeting adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Cannon Falls on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2016.

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Lyman M. Robinson, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Ronald S. Johnson, City Administrator